

**DECLARATION COMBINED WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY  
IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

Theresa N. Powless, declares that she is a citizen of the United States, whose residence and mailing address is 875 Brandon Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48340 and, further, hereby declares that:

I verily believe that I am the original and first and joint inventor of the invention entitled:

**Retainer For Preventing Tipping Of Flower Pot**

which is described and claimed in the attached specification; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the attached specification, including the claims, that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a), and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

I hereby appoint **Bernard J. Cantor**, Registration No. 17,336, and each additional partner, attorney of counsel, and associate of **HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C.** who is a registered patent attorney, my attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please address all correspondence and telephone calls to:

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Dated: Nov. 18, 2003

  
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